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*I declined
on phone.*

Dear Mr. Theurmer:

The Soviet Aerospace Almanac, which we discussed this morning, will be patterned after Air Force Magazine's annual USAF Almanac issue, which is published each May. The Soviet counterpart will, of course, be on a much more modest scale with the exception of a Soviet Gallery of Weapons. John Taylor, the Editor of Jane's All The World's Aircraft, is doing the Soviet Gallery for us, and it promises to be quite complete.

The Soviet version will include articles on the organization and doctrine of the USSR's Air Force, PVO, and Strategic Rocket Troops; the Soviet space program; Military R&D; and military education and training in the USSR,

For the "data" section of the issue, we have assembled: organization charts with names of key people for all military forces, military districts, Air Force, PVO, and SRT with biogs on senior commanders of the last three; a list of chiefs of AF, PVO, and SRT from the inception of each; a table of comparative US/Soviet military ranks; military pay scales; various estimates of the Soviet defense budget and R&D funding for a period of ten years, and of military manpower for the same period; tables of missiles and aircraft by types for several years with some data on deployment; an annotated bibliography of in-print English language books on Soviet defense affairs; similar information on Soviet military journals; and other miscellaneous materials.

We have not, however, been able to come up with any satisfactory analog to the Guide to Bases, which appears

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